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DAN LEWIS: This [U.S.-Soviet] one-upmanship diplomacy began with the arrest of a suspected Soviet spy in New York and the subsequent arrest in Moscow of American journalist Nicholas Daniloff. The arrested Soviet spy in New York was Gennady Zakharov. Now, he and other Soviets recruit spies all over our country. And as Jim Clarke reports, Washington is high on the list of Soviet targets for sources on the inside of government or military operations.

JIM CLARKE: August 23rd, two months ago tomorrow. The arrest of this man signals a sharp shift in U.S. policy, a much-talked-about crackdown on Soviet spies operating here under diplomatic cover begins. The accused, Gennady Zakharov, Soviet physicist, employee of the United Nations, an international civil servant. In fact, the FBI says, a lieutenant colonel in the KGB, part of an aggressive Soviet campaign to invade American college campuses, congressional office buildings, military installations to recruit home-grown Soviet spies.

The Soviet hope: that the young recruits would later land in jobs with access to secrets, like members of the John Walker spy ring, and produce a massive hemorrhage of high-tech secrets.

MARK ZIMMERMAN: This happened in April of 1983. I was the legislative assistant for Congresswoman Snow. I was involved in defense and foreign affairs work for her.

CLARKE: It was then a visiting Soviet agricultural scientist, here under U.N. auspices, arranged a meeting with Zimmerman, plied him with vodka, asked him to get a highly secret document.

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